

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement in response to Speaker Boehner's announcement that the House General Counsel has been directed to intervene in pending court cases to defend the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

"President Obama's decision to abdicate his executive branch responsibility to defend DOMA is a constitutional outrage," said King. "DOMA is an important law that seeks to preserve the traditional definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman. President Obama's decision to abandon the law is yet another example of his willingness to politicize the Department of Justice on behalf of favored interest groups."

"Speaker Boehner's decision to involve the House of Representatives in the legal defense of DOMA is the right one, and I support it," King continued. "Since the House will now be incurring legal expenses related to the defense of the law, I intend to offer an amendment that will defund the Department of Justice by a comparable amount. The DOJ should not receive funding for work that it is refusing to do."

Congressman King has also expressed his support for the Defense of Marriage Act by cosponsoring a Congressional resolution introduced by Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) that condemns the Obama administration's decision to order the Department of Justice to end its legal defense of DOMA. Rep. Hartzler's resolution has been designated H. Con. Res. 25.

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